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SUBJECT: UNEP BRIEFINGS - IRS

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1. SUGGEST PERMREP DRAW ON POSITION PAPER PREPARED FOR DECEMBER 7-15 NAIROBI MEETING OF IRS NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR SUBJECT BRIEFING. US, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH STAFFED NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS, IS CONCERNED THAT PRESENT USAGE RATE DOES NOT JUSTIFY COST. THEREFORE WELCOMES UNEP'S DECISION, ANNOUNCED AT DECEMBER MEETING, TO FOCUS

IN 1978 ON PROMOTING IRS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN USER SIDE.

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2. AT SAME MEETING, HOWEVER, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT IRS CENTRAL UNIT IN NAIROBI INTENDS TO SHIFT INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NETWORK COORDINATION AND PROMOTION TO NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS THEMSELVES. WHILE US WILLING TO CONTINUE TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD, IT BELIEVES BOTH FUNCTIONS REQUIRE CENTRAL DIRECTION FROM NAIROBI IF THEY ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT EFFECTIVELY. USG THEREFORE HOPES

CENTRAL UNIT WILL PLAY A MORE RATHER THAN LESS ACTIVE ROLE THAN HERETOFORE AND WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION ON UNEP'S PLANS IN THIS REGARD. VANCE

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